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SUBJECT: WFP DROUGHT REHABILITATION PROJECTS, SAHEL

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1. REFTTEL INDICATES U.S. WILLINGNESS ALLOCATE 25,000 TONS GRAIN FOR SHIPMENT PRIOR JULY. WFP NOW HAS UNDER CONSIDERATION QUASI-EMERGENCY PROJECT PROPOSALS TOTALING 61,210 MT SORGHUM 1,640 OIL AND 1,640 DRIED FISH. HOWEVER, THESE MAY BE CONSIDERED IN FOUR GROUPS, EACH OF WHICH MAY BE PROCESSED SEPARATELY DEPENDING ON U.S. INDICATION OF SUPPLY AVAILABILITY. SINCE REQUESTS NOT YET RECEIVED ON GROUP IV (18,600 SORGHUM AND 430 OIL) IT UNLIKELY PROJECTS READY UNTIL LATE MARCH. CONSEQUENTLY, ALTHOUGH WFP REQUESTING INDICATION U.S. WILLINGNESS TO SUPPLY BEFORE PROCEEDING FURTHER, IT MAY BE WISE FOR TIME BEING TO FOCUS ON FIRST THREE GROUPS. HOWEVER, IF TOTAL 62,000 TONS NOT LIKELY BE AVAILABLE PLEASE ADVISE SINCE THIS MIGHT DICTATE SOME REDUCTIONS AS WELL AS DELETIONS.

2. GROUP I HAS ONLY TWO PROJECTS NIGER 2102/Q AND SENEGAL
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2127/Q. SINCE THESE PROJECTS PREVIOUSLY APPROVED, WE HAVE CONCU-

RRED WFP PROPOSAL TO PROCEED WITH SIS. NIGER PROJECT INVOLVES
2,650 SORGHIM 132 OIL; SENEGAL 660 AND 33. TOTAL 3,310 AND 165.

3. GROUP II ALL WORK PROJECTS FOR WHICH REQUESTS RECEIVED,
SUMMARIES UNDER PREPARATION, CAN BE APPROVED AND SIS ISSUED
QUICKLY ON RECEIPT CONFIRMATION AVAILABILITY COMMODITIES TO-
TALING 20,900 SORGHUM 1,045 OIL. PROJECTS ARE:

SENEGAL 2130 Q REHABILITATION WORKS (RURAL)	4,400 SORGHUM 220 OIL
UPPER VOLTA 2124Q AFFORESTATION	2,500 SORGHUM 125 OIL
CHAD 2129Q MULTI PURPOSE RURAL DEVELOPMENT	2,500 SORGHUM 125 OIL
NIGER 2132Q REHABILITATION WORKS	5,500 SORGHUM 275 OIL
MALI 2128Q REHABILITATION WORKS	6,000 SORGHUM 300 OIL

4. GROUP III WORK ON FARMS ALL FOR PROMOTION GENERAL PRODUCTION.
REQUESTS RECEIVED, SUMMARIES UNDER PREPARATION. SORGHIM ONLY
COMMODITY. NIGER 2133Q 11,000 MALI 2134Q 2,000 UPPER VOLTA
2135Q 5,400. TOTAL 18,400.

5. GROUP IV WORK PROJECTS INCLUDING WORK ON FARMS WOULD REACH
MAURITANIA AND GAMBIA AND INCREASE SENEGAL MALI CHAD. REQUESTS
NOT YET RECEIVED BUT WFP BELIEVES IF COMMODITIES AVAILABLE
APPROVALS CAN COME IN MARCH AND SHIPMENTS WELL BEFORE JULY.
QUANTITIES PROPOSED ARE GAMBIA 5,000 SORGHIM 200 OIL SENEGAL
1600 AND 80 MAURITANIA 5000 AND 50 MALI 2000 AND 100 CHAD SORGHUM
ONLY 5000. TOTAL 18,600 SORGHIM 430 OIL. VOLPE

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